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Title : Regarding passing away of Shri Shyam Sunder Mohapatra, member 5th Lok Sabha on 22 April, 2006.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform you about the sad demise of our former colleague, Shri Shyam Sunder Mohapatra.

Shri Shyam Sunder Mohapatra was a Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1977, representing Balasore Parliamentary Constituency of Orissa. He was also a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1980 to 1986 representing the State of Orissa.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Mohapatra was member of the Krishi Mantralaya Hindi Salahakar Samiti from 1973 to 1977 and Animal Welfare Board from 1975 to 1977.

A freedom fighter, Shri Mohapatra participated in the Quit India Movement.

Shri Mohapatra who took up journalism at an early age, was associated with several journals. A linguist, he was proficient in six languages. He was a visiting Professor in Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi and in many educational institutions abroad.

Shri Mohapatra took keen interest in the socio-cultural activities and organised many national level literary, cultural and musical programmes. Shri Mohapatra was Chief Patron of many friendship societies with foreign countries. A trade unionist, he was also President and Secretary of several trade union organisations.

A widely travelled person, Shri Mohapatra visited many countries.

Shri Shyam Sunder Mohapatra passed away on 22 April 2006 at New Delhi at the age of 78, after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the demise of this friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolence to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11.01 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence

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